



KANAWANA
the YMCA
Camp for Boys 12-17
In the Laurentians

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FOREWORD



CAMPING! How that word arouses within a real red-blooded boy all the prehistoric instincts of the great out-of-doors; the smell of the woods, the magic of the camp fire, the mysterious sounds of the night, the mastery of the wave through swimming, this coupled with directed play, seasonable hours of sleep, wholesome food, regularity of eating, friendly leadership, studying nature, attending services of worship, discussing life problems, and discipline based upon justice make up a summer program at Kamp Kanawana, which has a tremendous appeal to real boys.

KAMP KANAWANA

is not a summer hotel. It is a creative camp where personality and high ideals count for more than its splendid equipment—the camp spirit of “help the other fellow” gets deep into the heart of every Kanawana boy and makes him give of his best freely. Here boys may live the happy outdoor life untrammelled by the demands of unnatural civilization, absorbing that high morality and purity of life which nature only can teach; where time is not loafed away but purposefully occupied.

STAFF

The Camp will be under the direction of Mr. Philip G. Paterson, B.A., Boys' Work Secretary, at the Westmount Y.M.C.A. He will be assisted by a fine group of very able leaders.



Mr. Howard Ellis, Boys' Physical Director at the Central Y.M.C.A., who has made a great name for himself in this capacity, will be Director of the Junior Camp. Mr. L. P. Little, better known as "Bones," a Sixth year McGill Medical Student and Captain of the 1924 McGill Senior Rugby Team, will be Camp Doctor and Assistant Chief of the Junior Division. Mr. Allan B. Cornell will be Educational Director again this summer. This will be his sixth year in Kanawana.

The Senior Division will be under the direct supervision of Mr. H. K. Ashdown, a student in Theology at McGill. He has had considerable experience in summer camps near Toronto. Mr. Stan. Reid, B.A., Editor of the *McGill Daily*, will be assistant in Senior Camp and responsible for entertainments.

Mr. Fred. Webb as Comptroller and Mr. Reg. Cowan as Business Manager will look after the financial end of the Camp. Both of these men are attending McGill and are well qualified for the work. Reg. Cowan having had eight years' experience in Kanawana.

ORGANIZATION

Kanawana is divided into two Divisions: Younger boys, 12 to 15, and Older boys, 16 to 18—each with its own site. The boys sleep in tents with wood floors, high and dry above the ground. Each tent has a qualified older boy in charge, who is responsible for the eight or ten boys under his care. The number depending on the size of the tent.

FOOD

Good wholesome meals with fresh milk, vegetables, butter, eggs and meat brought in regularly are prepared by a staff of expert cooks and served liberally. Each group of boys with their tent leader dine at a separate table in the large dining pavilion.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment is most complete. It consists of two spacious pavilions, one for dining and one for recreation in wet weather—the latter having a large open fireplace. A flotilla of boats and canoes, four diving spring-boards, two high and two low. A long zinc "chute the chutes" into the lake, an open air chapel, where Sunday meetings are held, a large Council Ring where woodcraft meetings are held, an icehouse which is kept well filled and a well equipped hospital building where any sick are taken care of. The water supply is obtained from two mountain spring wells.

LOCATION

Kamp Kanawana is situated among the trees on the high sloping shores of Lake Kanawana, which is some 45 miles from Montreal in the Laurentian Mountains. Campers get off at Piedmont and are driven six miles in—to the place where freedom reigns.

HONOUR AWARDS

Opportunity for learning many phases of camp life is efficiently presented and included in the varying program of the camp. The boys are encouraged to participate in them all. Silk ribbons are awarded to those who pass the necessary tests after a week's training.

Special awards are made for those who qualify for a certain number of ribbons in all of the Depart-



ments, so that an all round training will be obtained. Instruction is given in 32 subjects in all.

The following list will give some idea of the system used and some of the badges:

Educational

Bible Study
Nature Study
Camp Craft
Bandaging
Cooking

Athletic

Hike
Boxing
Wrestling
Tumbling
Athletics

Aquatic

Swimming
Diving
Life Saving
Rowing
Canoeing

Service

Altruism
Entertainment
Correspondence
Camp Improvement
Editor's Assistant

COST

Kanawana is not a money making proposition. The rates are kept just as low as possible so that it will be within the means of most boys to attend. The cost is \$8.50 per week in advance. This includes transportation to the extent of one return trip between Montreal and the Camp in a summer. A boy may go for any period of time. Parties are taken up each Saturday morning during the summer.



REGISTRATION

The accommodation of the Kamp though large is limited. Only those whose application are in early will be considered in the case of a larger number applying than can be comfortably accommodated. In any case registrations must be in a week in

advance of the time of arriving in Kamp along with a registration fee of \$2.00, which will be allowed on first week's board.

Registrations will be accepted at any Branch of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Montreal. All fees should be paid at the Association where registration was made.

Only those boys who have passed their 12th birthday and who are not over 18 may register.

RULES

Kanawana is noted for its very limited number of rules. There are certain precautions, however, which must be taken. They are:

1. Fire-arms, air rifles and dogs not allowed.
2. Swimming and boating during regular periods only, and in the presence of others.
3. The use of tobacco in any form is absolutely prohibited.
4. Absence from camp only with the permission of the director.

VISITORS

Are welcome at Kanawana and especially parents whose boys are in camp. Accommodation is limited especially over the week-ends, so that advance notice of your visit should be sent in.

For further information apply to any Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Montreal, where application and final instruction sheets may be obtained.

